

Subject No. 192

A portion of Government surplus to be utilized in Gold Industry and native capitalists to be encouraged to enter the industry.

Summary of discussion.—Since a lot of our gold goes out of the country, it is high time that the Government devised means to make other arrangements for native capital and for a portion of Government surplus money being utilized on Gold Mining Industry.

Reply of Government.—Government is quite alive to its duty and is doing what it can.

Subject No. 193

To guard against famine: Government to purchase ragi for Rs. 20,000 every year and store it.

Summary of discussion.—For the purpose of guarding against famine which visits the country periodically and of obviating the necessity of Government spending large amounts on relief and other works during famine, it is desirable that the Government should, as an experimental measure, invest about Rs. 20,000 every year in buying and storing ragi in different parts of the State.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 194

A model farm to be attached to each Hobli School and agricultural prizes granted.

Summary of discussion.—A model farm may be attached to each Hobli school where the students can be given practical lessons in agriculture. Merit in practical agriculture may also be recognized by means of prizes.

Reply of Government.—Noted. All this is a question of time and money.

Subject No. 195

Government to grant titles to big land holders.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may be pleased to give titles and other encouragement to persons who are large land holders.

Reply of Government.—Reward follows work and not ownership of property.

Subject No. 196

Amrut Mahal Department to be abolished and Amrut Mahal kavals to be given out for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—The Amrut Mahal Department does not pay and may therefore be abolished, the kavals held by it being leased out to the public for agriculture or for pasturage.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 197

Adoption of such measures as will prevent accidents on the Southern Mahratta Railway.

Summary of discussion.—Accidents on the Southern Mahratta Railway are of frequent occurrence and call for early and effectual remedial measures.

Reply of Government.—Everything possible to elicit facts is being done; as also to prevent accidents.

Subject No. 198

Jamabandi in Municipalities by the members.

Summary of discussion.—The jamabandi in municipal towns should be conducted by the members of such Municipal Boards and every page of the jamabandi statement should be signed by them.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 199

Mulberry cultivation within Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—Mulberry cultivation (Pattadi bagayet) should be prohibited within municipal limits.

Reply of Government.—Under correspondence.